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SUBJECT: CLEAN SLATE REORGANIZATION IMPLEMENTATION/
DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS SECTION

1. REFTEL ADVISED THAT EMBASSY INTENDS PROCEED WITH
ESTABLISHMENT OF "DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS SECTION" MAY 3.
FOLLOWING ARE DETAILS ON NEW PEACE CORPS/AID RELATIONSHIPS
AS AGREED UPON HERE.

2. AID/PEACE CORPS AGREE PRINCIPAL ADVANTAGE OF "CLEAN
SLATE" REALIGNMENT IS THAT IT PROVIDES THE MECHANISM TO
COALESCE ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN PROGRAM PLANNING, IMPLE-
MENTATION AND EVALUATION THEREBY ENSURING MAXIMUM USE OF
TOTAL USG DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND STILL RETAIN THE
SEPARATE IDENTITIES OF EACH ORGANIZATION. WE ENVISAGE THREE
PRINCIPAL AREAS OF COORDINATION INVOLVING MANAGEMENT,
PROGRAMMING, AND LIAISON.

3. MANAGEMENT. WE ENVISAGE NO CHANGE IN THE PRESENT
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OVERALL PEACE CORPS
COUNTRY PROGRAM. THE PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR WOULD CONTINUE
TO EXERCISE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF
THE P.C. PROGRAM, HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL AND VOLUNTEERS.

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PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE DIRECT ACCESS

TO THE AMBASSADOR, PARTICULARLY ON MATTERS CONCERNING WELFARE OF VOLUNTEERS AND HOST GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. THE COUNSELLOR OF EMBASSY FOR DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS WOULD UNDERTAKE AN OVERVIEW MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY.

4. PROGRAMMING. IN CONSULTATION WITH P.C. DIRECTOR, COUNSELLOR FOR EMBASSY FOR DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERALL COORDINATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ANNUAL AID AND PEACE CORPS COUNTRY PROGRAMS. THIS COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY WOULD INCLUDE, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF PROGRAMMING ACTIVITIES TO ACCOMMODATE AID/PC ANNUAL PROGRAM CYCLES. IT WOULD INVOLVE CLOSEST POSSIBLE COLLABORATION BETWEEN AID AND PEACE CORPS IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TO ENSURE MAXIMUM AND EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF USG RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, PARTICULARLY THE USE OF VOLUNTEERS IN AID PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. WE ENVISAGE SUBSTANTIVE INTRACHANGE OF INPUTS BY AID AND PEACE CORPS IN THE PREPARATION OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE DOCUMENTATION, I.E. DAP, ABS, CP, CMP, AND PD(104) SUBMISSIONS.

5. LIAISON. PREPARATION AND TRANSMISSION OF MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PC HEADQUARTERS AND THE HOST GOVERNMENT WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. COUNSELLOR EMBASSY FOR DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION COPIES ROUTINELY THROUGH EMBASSY C&R FACILITIES. COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO NEW INITIATIVES AFFECTING COUNTRY PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY WILL BE JOINTLY DEVELOPED AND APPROVED BY THE AMBASSADOR.

6. AT THE INVITATION OF THE PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR THE COUNSELLOR OF EMBASSY FOR DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS WILL ATTEND SPECIAL PC MONTHLY MEETING STRUCTURED TO KEEP LATTER INFORMED AND CURRENT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PEACE CORPS' PROGRAM. COUNSELLOR OF EMBASSY FOR DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS WILL UTILIZE THESE MEETINGS TO ADVISE PC ON STATUS OF AID PROGRAMS. THESE MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL PROVIDE FEEDBACK INFORMATION ON PROBLEMS, INNOVATIONS, AND METHODOLOGY EMPLOYED IN RESPECTIVE AGENCIES.

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7. ABOVE REPRESENTS BROAD OUTLINE OF AID/PEACE CORPS INTERRELATIONSHIP AND ALLOWS FOR MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN IMPLEMENTATION.
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